

# DISORDER RAN RIOT

Democratic City Convention Was a Very Noisy Affair.

BITTERNESS IS DISPLAYED

An Unsatisfactory Ticket Placed in Nomination.

An Effort Will Be Made to Have Patrick J. Langan or T. J. Jennings Withdraw, That a South Side German May Be Given a Place on the Ticket—Radical Resolutions Were Adopted—Mr. Burke Entered a Protest Against Them—Details of One of the Liveliest Political Gatherings in the History of Lackawanna County.

IN THE days that are gone Scranton has had some disorderly, wild-eyed political conventions, but it is doubtful if it ever had one that in many respects was as disorderly and free from restraint of any kind as that of the city Democrats in the court house Saturday afternoon.

It was a convention that nearly all the leaders of the party shunned, and during the greater part of the time it was in session the delegates and spectators constituted a howling, frenzied mob that would do anything because no considerable portion of them could or would agree upon a man to lead them, and direct the energies of the convention. After the convention had exhausted itself in fighting and hearing the following candidates were nominated for school directors:

A. L. FRANCOIS, Second ward, three-year term.

JAMES J. GRISER, Third ward, three-year term.

JOHN J. FAHEY, Ninth ward, two-year term.

PATRICK LANGAN, Eighteenth ward, one-year term.

THOMAS J. JENNINGS, Fourteenth ward, one-year term.

The selection of a temporary chairman caused the principal fight of the day. W. J. Burke was the candidate of the slate for the position and on the slate were the names of the following: John J. Fahey, John Gibbons, A. L. Francois, Benson Davis, Charles Conrad and James J. Griser. As predicted in the Tribune of Saturday it did not go through intact. The slate could not control votes for Davis and Conrad and the result is a ticket that is not satisfactory to the men whose names appear on it, and which is extremely distasteful to the German Democrats. They feel they were unjustly treated by the convention when Conrad and Hammes were denied a place on the ticket.

When W. J. Burke was defeated for temporary chairman of the convention it was apparent that the slate could not control that body. It then became largely an independent fight on the part of all the candidates and the men who had the largest individual followings were the men who were elected. All idea of making a symmetrical ticket was abandoned. An effort is now being made to get Mr. Langan or Mr. Jennings to decline the nomination and have the city committee name a South Side German to fill the vacancy.

Convention Opens.

IT WAS announced that the convention would begin at 2 o'clock, but it was half an hour later before City Chairman George S. Horn appeared. The large court room was crowded but there was a noticeable absence of prominent Democrats, only a few of them gracing the occasion with their presence. Republicans seemed to have forgotten about the convention entirely. At 2:30 Mr. Horn entered the court room through one of the rear doors and went upon the judge's bench. He was greeted by a hearty round of applause, and after he took his place on the bench he called the secretaries of the city convention, M. A. McGinley and R. J. Beamish, to take seats beside him. The delegates and spectators were in a frame of mind that presaged an exciting convention. They were restless and bubbled over at the slightest excuse.

While the chairman and secretaries were consulting John J. Durkin, of the West Side, the anti-slate candidate for temporary chairman, walked across the bar enclosure and was given an ovation. The delegates and others present evidently wanted a speech and the band-clapping and stamping of feet did not cease until Mr. Durkin said: "Elect me chairman, and then I'll have something to say."

Immediately after this outbreak had died out Mr. Horn called the convention to order and directed Secretary Beamish to read the call. The next business was the enumerating of the election district of the city and receiving of credentials. When the fourth district of the First ward was reached Thomas Cullen presented credentials and Patrick McNish challenged his right to the seat. As Mr. McNish was presenting his credentials John J. Flynn, of the Second ward, claimed the attention of the convention.

"I am not a delegate," said Mr. Flynn, "but I contend that Mr. McNish has no right to a seat in this convention for he is not a Democrat."

Mr. McNish was standing in front of the judge's bench facing the convention as this statement was made. His ire was visibly rising. He stood for an instant, his face flushing with anger, and then pulling out his gold watch he yelled:

"I'll bet this watch of mine and it's worth \$40, that I'm a better Democrat than Flynn, and what's more the man who signed these credentials (referring to Cullen's) is not a Democrat. Now cover this if you dare," he shouted as he shook his watch defiantly in the direction of Mr. Flynn. The challenge was not accepted and Mr. McNish took his seat.

The delegates were generous of their applause and hisses as the delegates handed in their credentials. George Fanning, of North Scranton, who is known to fame for several reasons, was the first to get the glad hand. Then Fred Warnke, James J. Padden,

J. M. Casey, D. J. Reedy, M. J. Walsh, Jack Tierney were warmly received. W. J. Burke, the candidate of the slate for chairman, was greeted with cheers and hisses, and the same was true of John J. Durkin, only in his case the cheering was more pronounced and the hissing less in evidence.

When the credentials were all recorded it was found that Patrick McNish contested the seat of Thomas Cullen from the Fourth district of the First ward, and that E. A. Fitzsimmons and James Graham claimed the seat from the Second district of the Fifteenth ward. It was announced that the Eighteenth ward had returned the following delegates: only entitled to one, M. J. Burke and James F. Noone were the delegates from the ward, and on motion of John M. Casey each of the delegates was given half a vote.

Mr. Burke Arraigned.

AMIDST great clamoring for an immediate hearing of the Fifteenth ward case Mr. Horn called for candidates for temporary chairman. A delegate nominated E. F. Hewitt, but the latter declined the honor and Michael Walsh, of Twentieth ward, nominated W. J. Burke without making any remarks.

D. J. Reedy was next recognized by the chair. He walked to the rear of the enclosure and in nominating John J. Durkin, made one of the most impassioned speeches ever heard at a political convention in this county. It was mainly an arraignment of Mr. Burke's Democracy. As he warmed up Mr. Burke most bitterly. He gradually worked the convention up to a frenzy and his every utterance was greeted with outbursts of applause and denunciation.

As Mr. Reedy delivered his caustic arraignment of Mr. Burke the latter sat facing the speaker, but he gave no evidence that the usual calm of his demeanor was at all ruffled by what he heard.

After Mr. Reedy concluded, Mr. Burke stepped before the convention and at this time the tumult was awful. Nothing like it was seen in this city since the Handley-Merritt convention of more than a decade ago. Mr. Burke said he arose on a question of privilege, and between cheers, hisses and cat-calls, which prevented him being heard for minutes at a time, expressed his surprise that the chairman of the committee should have allowed proceedings so "unparalleled and unheard of" as this from this ill-advised boy," referring to Mr. Reedy.

As he reached this point, John J. Durkin broke in: "It's the truth, all right," and he, too, advanced toward the center of the bar enclosure. Thomas Murphy, a South Side delegate, who was an ardent champion of Burke, evidently thought Mr. Durkin meant some violence to Mr. Burke and he started from the opposite side of the bar enclosure for Durkin. Mr. Burke intercepted him and D. J. Reedy and Martin Cadden grabbed Durkin by the coat and pulled him back into the rank of delegates that stood near the jury box. The chairman, threatened to have Murphy ejected if he did not keep quiet, and there was more cheering and hissing, the evident purpose of which was to prevent Burke from speaking. He realized that he could not get a hearing and gave up the effort after again expressing great surprise at the conduct of Chairman Horn in allowing Mr. Reedy to speak as he did.

Amid frequently recurring outbreaks of disorder a vote on temporary chairman was taken and resulted as follows:

JOHN J. DURKIN ..... 209  
W. J. BURKE ..... 272

Mr. Durkin's friends gave unrestrained vent to their joy when his election was announced. As he advanced to the bench Mr. Burke met and congratulated him, and then moved that the election be made by acclamation. This was done. In accepting the duties of chairman, Mr. Durkin said he did not feel gratified at his selection. He expressed the hope that the men nominated by the convention would be chosen for their Democracy, and then appointed the following committees:

Contested Seats—M. J. Cadden, John M. Casey, James F. O'Reilly, M. J. Walsh, George Fanning, Charles Wirth.

Resolutions—F. E. Sando, D. J. Reedy, T. P. Hoban, Fred Warnke, John Butterman.

Permanent Organization—M. J. Connelly, E. A. Knight, Cornelius B. McDermott, P. A. Albright, John W. McLean.

It was 3:30 when the committees were named and on motion of D. J. Reedy, the convention adjourned for an hour to give the committees an opportunity to prepare their reports.

Exciting Scenes.

ALTHOUGH the convention adjourned for only an hour it was 3:45 when it re-assembled, and the hour and three-quarters having been spent in button-holing delegates in the interest of the various candidates. Immediately after the convention re-assembled Chairman Durkin called for the report of the committee on contested seats. It favored seating the following delegates: First ward, Fourth district, Thomas Cullen; Fifth ward, First district, William Haggerty; Eleventh ward, Third district, Frank Doyle; Fifteenth ward, Second district, James Graham; Twentieth ward, Third district, Frank McGinley.

M. S. Lavelle called the convention's attention to the fact that only two contests were referred to the committee, but he had a delegate named said for the reading of the minutes on that point. Chairman Durkin put the motion on the approving of the report of the committee and declared it adopted. There were demands for a roll call from M. S. Lavelle, W. J. Burke, T. P. Hoban and others and the secretaries began to poll the delegates. After the First ward was called Martin Cadden, John M. Casey and others insisted that the report had been adopted and that the next order of business was the report of the committee on resolutions. Chairman Durkin agreed with them and called for the resolutions. Then came a great and violent protest and a dozen or so delegates were orating at once and wildly gesticulating at the chairman. W. J. Burke was insisting that the roll call was commenced and would have to be completed.

While the excitement was at its height D. J. Reedy forced to the front and said the only business before the convention was the completion of the roll call. This was a stunner coming from one of the anti-slate delegates.

It was just the opposite to what the other anti-slates were contending for and before they recovered from the shock the chairman had reversed himself and the roll was being called.

When it was completed it was found that the men whose seats were contested had voted and Chairman Durkin ruled against the united protest of the adherents of the slate to even matters up by giving the men who entered the contest, the right to vote also. It was these votes that adopted the report. The result was as follows: In favor of adopting the report of the committee, 323; against, 323. Just before the result was announced E. A. Knight, of North Scranton, who voted in favor of adopting the report, asked permission to change his vote, but it was not allowed.

Secretary McGinley read the resolutions which were attacked by W. J. Burke. He said the general onslaught on the present school board was an insult to the intelligence of the people. He called for the reading of the resolutions again and told the delegates to consider them well before adopting them. At this point Nicholas Behers, of the Fifth ward, rushed forward and engaged in a personal argument with Mr. Burke. While the two were engaged the resolutions were adopted. They were as follows:

The Democrats of the city of Scranton, in convention assembled, renew their allegiance to the principles and platform of the great Democratic party held in Chicago in 1896, which nominated for president of the United States that fearless, courageous and brilliant statesman, William Jennings Bryan.

Believing that the administration of school affairs should be entrusted only to honorable, liberal and public-spirited citizens, we appeal for general support to the ticket nominated in this convention as answering in all respects these important requirements; and we most emphatically condemn the record of the Republican party in its control of the school affairs of the city of Scranton as being corrupt, extortionate and a prostitution of the educational interests to private selfishness and party advancement. This long-continued abuse of power has been a disgrace and a blot upon our schools and a vexatious imposition upon the taxpayers of the city.

We expressly and emphatically repudiate the audacious and dastardly attempt made to force upon the party ticket men who have been not only treacherous to the principles of Democracy, but who have also made degrading and criminal attempt to assassinate the Democratic party in the interest of Republicans.

Candidates Named.

THE credentials and resolutions disposed of, Chairman Durkin called for nominations for school director.

T. P. Hoban was the first delegate recognized. He nominated John Gibbons, of the Twentieth ward, and W. J. Burke seconded the nomination. Both referred to Mr. Gibbons' integrity and usefulness as a public official.

Mr. Hoban's remarks were especially eulogistic of "Honorable John Gibbons," as he frequently referred to his candidate during his nominating speech. He eloquently dwelt on Mr. Gibbons' long and active career in this community; his manliness and to his sterling qualities; and he was under his command at last time when he was next considered Mr. Gibbons' official career as city treasurer, member of the poor board and member of the school board. He was a man who had been true to every duty. At this time it was of the highest importance to select broad men; men of judgment and experience, and such a candidate he offered to the convention in the person of John Gibbons.

The only other extended speech was made by D. J. Reedy in nominating T. J. Jennings. Other nominations were made by the following:

P. J. Gibbons—A. L. Francois, of the Second ward.  
John W. McLean—Dennis J. Roche, of the Seventh ward.  
Joseph Sukman—James J. Griser, of the Third ward.

Thomas H. Kelly—John J. Fahey, of the Ninth ward.  
Nicholas Behers—G. F. Hammes, of the Fifth ward.  
Thomas Cullen—P. J. Ruane, of the Second ward.

Charles Wirth—Patrick J. Langan, of the Eighteenth ward.  
James O'Reilly—Hon. John P. Quinnan, of the Twelfth ward.

Benson Davies, of the Fourth ward, was nominated by a West Side delegate.

On motion of T. P. Hoban it was decided to vote for six candidates, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes to be the nominees for the three-year term; the next highest two to be the nominees for the two-year term, and the two having the third highest number of votes to be the nominees for the one-year term, and candidates to receive a majority of the vote.

The vote resulted as follows:

John Gibbons ..... 57  
A. L. Francois ..... 42  
Dennis J. Roche ..... 31  
James J. Griser ..... 27  
T. J. Jennings ..... 27  
John J. Fahey ..... 25  
G. F. Hammes ..... 16  
P. J. Ruane ..... 11  
C. J. Conrad ..... 11  
Patrick J. Langan ..... 23  
Hon. John P. Quinnan ..... 28  
Benson Davies ..... 25

Chairman Durkin announced the result, declaring Francis and Griser nominated for the three-year term; Gibbons and Fahey for the two-year term, and Langan and Jennings for the one-year term.

There was a claim on the part of the Roche men that Jennings had received only 31 votes, and that he, Roche and Conrad were tied. The secretaries maintained that their count was right, but the Roche men would not be convinced but they went away muttering threats.

A motion to adjourn was about to be put when Mr. Reedy succeeded in securing attention, and with a very brief preface made a motion to the effect that the city convention adopt the new county rules, which such modifications as would naturally have to be made. He had made an amended copy of the rules at hand. He held them up in the air so every one could see them and they were adopted with a big hurrah, the spectators joining in the voting.

Mr. Reedy also moved to make the nominations unanimous, and this motion also carried.

Then Mr. Hoban reminded the convention that it had something else to do—the consideration of the question of nominating poor directors. He advised that the convention refer the matter to a special committee with power to make the nominations if, in its judgment, it was deemed expedient to do so.

Mr. Reedy informed him that this was all unnecessary as the rules just adopted placed such matters in the hands of the city committee. Mr. Hoban was satisfied with this explanation.

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and did not press the matter further. The convention then adjourned, at 4:45 o'clock.

Want a German.

THERE was a strong talk last night in Democratic circles of asking either Mr. Jennings or Mr. Langan, the two nominees, to withdraw from the contest and allow Mr. Conrad or some other representative of his element of the party, a place on the ticket.

The subject had not been formally broached to Mr. Jennings when a Tribune reporter saw him last evening, but he had heard of the movement and given it some thought. He would not say that he would make the sacrifice if called upon to do so, but unhesitatingly admitted that he did not wish the nomination.

Mr. Gibbons was endeavoring to arrange a conference of the nominees last night but did not succeed. His purpose was to have the city committee appointed forthwith that the matter of changing the personnel of the ticket might be attended to before tomorrow, which is the last day for filing city nominations. Chairman Durkin and Mr. Jennings, when spoken to concerning the proposed conference, said there was no necessity of undue haste in the matter. A substitution can be made on the official ballot at any time before they are printed they contended and if any substitutions were to be made they would be made only after due deliberation.

It was given out from a reliable source that Mr. Fahey was opposed to going before the people on such a palpably weak ticket and had signified his willingness to have his name substituted. An effort was made to verify this, but Mr. Fahey could not be found, and he and his family having gone away on a visit.

LOUIS SCHWASS NOMINATED.

Nineteenth Ward Republicans Meet in Caucus Saturday Night.

The Republicans of the Nineteenth ward, met Saturday evening in Kramer's hall, on Prospect avenue, and nominated Louis Schwass for school controller. There was no opposition. District officers were nominated as follows:

First district—Judge, John Hartman; inspector, William Maus, jr.; register of voters, Peter W. Haas.

Second district—Judge, Henry Schaff; inspector, Charles Klein; register of voters, M. J. Murphy.

Third district—Judge, Christ Rose; inspector, Henry Meyers; register of voters, Charles Schmitt.

Fourth district—Judge, Ferdinand Swick; inspector, Jacob Cordier; register of voters, Ernst Liebenstein.

C. W. Westphal was chosen chairman of the meeting and John Hartman secretary. Both by acclamation. Mr. Schwass' name for controller was put in nomination by Peter Haas.

BIG HOMICIDE LIST IN LUZERNE.

Eighty-six Men Are Charged with Taking Human Life.

There are some things in which Luzerne county leads. On the trial list for the term of criminal court which begins today at Wilkes-Barre are the names of eighty-six men charged with murder in the first degree. This number includes Sheriff James Martin and his eighty deputies who were under his command at J. L. Timmer on Sept. 30 last. The cases are down for trial on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Today James R. Griner, who is charged with the murder of his step-daughter, Mrs. Caroline Shiffer, at Duryea, will be placed on trial.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, John Yusevich is down for trial. Yusevich is the Pole who recently shot John Markwa and Mrs. Solomon at Ashley, the former and Mrs. Yusevich at the Wilkes-Barre City hospital.

Thursday, Jan. 20, is set apart for the trial of John Hudak and two other Huns hailing from the Hazleton region. The defendants are charged with having beaten a fellow countryman with clubs several weeks ago, from the effects of which he died.

THE UNITED IBERNIANS.

Will Hold Their National Convention in Trenton.

Bishop McFaul, of Trenton, N. J., has given a supplementary decision as arbitrator between the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Board of Erie, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the United States, Board of America. He decides that the national convention of the united order shall be held in Trenton, beginning on June 27 next.

This will be participated in by delegates from all parts of the United States for a period of ten days. The united orders will have a parade to celebrate the settlement of the long-pending controversy. Ten thousand delegates will be expected to attend.

Next Sunday the branches of the order will hold a convention in College hall at which officers for the annual convention of the county will be chosen.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD.

Post-Scout Delights a Large Audience at the V. M. C. Hall.

Young Men's Christian association hall was filled Saturday evening by an audience which was thrilled, instructed and entertained by Captain Jack Crawford, the post-scout, at a two-hour address. "The Camp Fire and the Trail," was Captain Crawford's topic. He appeared in the typical garb of the western cowboy and scout.

Captain Crawford's recitals of western camp and life, Indian warfare and personal experiences, and his own poems were received with great enthusiasm. Although Captain Crawford had lectured before for the Young Men's Christian association, he is to have him appear here again will probably be successful. His lecture Saturday night was one of the regular members' course.

BANK OFFICERS ELECTED.

First and Traders' National Banks' Directors Hold Meetings.

The directors of the First National bank elected last Tuesday, met Saturday and elected the following officers: James A. Linn, president; George W. Dickson, vice president; Isaac Post, cashier.

The directors of the Traders National bank elected John T. Porter, president; W. W. Watson, vice president, and Frank L. Phillips, cashier.

Presents from Mrs. Halletstead.

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The entire stock of Fine Clothing of the Economy Clothing Co., of this city, has been purchased by the well-known firm of Kramer Bros. This is a new stock, manufactured for this season's wear, consisting of \$20,000 worth of fine, fashionable and well-tailored Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits and Overcoats, which will be sacrificed at Fifty Cents on the Dollar. to make room for our Spring stock. Space does not permit us to enumerate the thousands of bargains in store for you. Among the many are as follows:

BARGAIN NO. 1

Men's Overcoats, all wool and fashionable makes, black, blue or brown, Kerseys, Chin-chillas, etc. Economy's price \$12.00; our price

\$6.00.

BARGAIN NO. 2

Men's Suits, all wool, latest styles, Clays, Chevots and Cashmeres, in all colors and makes. Economy's price \$12.00; our price

\$6.00.

BARGAIN NO. 3

One lot of Men's Suits, good for general wear. Economy's price \$8.00; our price

\$4.00.

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BARGAIN NO. 4

One lot of Men's Ulsters. Economy's price \$7.00; our price

\$3.50.

BARGAIN NO. 5

Boys Overcoats and Ulsters, all wool and nobby made. Economy's price \$8; our price

\$4.00.

BARGAIN NO. 6

Boys' Suits, Clays, Chevi-

ots and Cassimeres. Econ-

omy's price \$8.00; our price

\$4.00.

Children's Reefer Suits -

75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Children's Reefers—

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Children's Ulsters and Top

Coats—

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Children's Knee Pants—

25c, 35c, 65c.

Men's and Boys' Single

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BLOODHOUND'S SAVAGE ATTACK.

Bit an Actor, Who is Now in the

Scranton Private Hospital.

One of the bloodhounds in Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company performed a too realistic bit of acting recently, by attacking one of the company is undergoing treatment at the Scranton Private hospital. The victim is Nicholas Glynn, who plays the part of Marks.

The beast buried his teeth in Glynn's chin and mauled the flesh. The play was produced Saturday at the Lyceum theater.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Important Session of the Board of

Trade This Evening.

Tonight's meeting of the board of trade will be featured with important business. It will be the annual meeting of the board. Officers nominated at the December meeting will be elected. The manufacturers' committee will present a report on the business men's petition for cheaper commercial water rates to large consumers. The annual report of Secretary Atherton will be read.

Debate in College Hall Tonight.

In College Hall tonight representatives of the John Doyle O'Reilly and Marquette council, Young Men's Institute, will debate the subject, "Resolved, That Woman's Suffrage is Desirable."

Archdeaconry Meeting Today.

A meeting of the Scranton Archdeaconry of the Episcopal church will begin this evening in St. Mark's church, Dunmore. The concluding sessions will be held tomorrow.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

Waite's Comedy Company.

Waite's popular repertoire company will open its fourth annual engagement at the Lyceum theater Wednesday, Jan. 13. It has been a number of years since Denman Thompson and George W. Ryer have put a new play before the public, and the reason that this new one, "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley," was not written earlier is doubtless because of the lasting success of their previous joint work, so well known through this country, "The Old Homestead." It speaks a good word in advance for this new piece to say that it is built on the same novel which certainly has been a two-hour earlier play which proved so popular these many years.

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